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EDITOR'S NOTES: I know, just call me crazy! I returned from the Dayton HamVention about 4:45 PM (Sunday, local time) and decided to finish OPDX.512. "Just call me dedicated to my readers". BTW, I had a great time!

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 13/May, through Sunday, 20/May there were 229 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B6, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A9, AP, BV, BY, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, E3, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZK3, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

- There were 40 CQ Zones available during the past week.
- There were 54 ITU Zones available during the past week.
- ITU Zones that were not active are: 4,15,21,22,23,24,25,26,31,34,35, 43,58,59,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,90

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL). OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin (due to its size) with a complete breakdown and "DXCC/Entities Chart of Activity".

4W, EAST TIMOR. Thor, **4W6MM**, is active again. Check 20 meters around 14002 kHz after 1200z.

6Y, JAMAICA (Change/Update). The DXpedition team activating **6Y1A** in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** has a last minute change of operators. The group now consists of: KE7X, N6XG, K6ST, and K2KW. Activity will be from **May 20-29th**, on 80-6 meters with an emphasis on 6 meters and the WARC bands outside the contest. QSL 6Y1A and K2KW via WA4WTG, others via CBA.

CONTESTERS/DXERS HONORED. Bob, **K3EST**, from the CQ Hall of Fame, reported last week that the CQ Contest Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the two inductees for 2001 will be Sig/**N3RS** and Algis/**LY2NK**. Both new members were officially inducted into the Contest Hall of Fame at the contest dinner on Saturday, May 19th, in Dayton. The DX Hall of Fame is also proud to announce the two inductees into the DX Hall of Fame for 2001 were Bob/K4UEE and Bob/W4DR. Both were officially inducted into the DX Hall of Fame by Steve, N8BJQ, during the DX dinner May 18th, also in Dayton. You can read their biographies in the June CQ and May/June CQ Contest.

EXTREME DXING (Bert will be one busy guy!). Bert, PA3GIO, has updated his plans for his DXpeditions in 2001. Here is his planned schedule:

1. Bert, PA3GIO, will be signing **5R8GY** in **Madagascar** on **Ile Sainte-Marie** (Nosy Boraha), IOTA **AF-090** (Rare), from **May 30th or 31st** through **June 9th**. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters with 100w using a doublet with open feeder line. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/5R/>
2. Bert will be signing **FH/PA3GIO/p** on **Grande Terre, Mayotte Island (AF-027)** from **June 11-18th**. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/ 20/17/15/12/10 meters with 100w using a doublet with open feeder line. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/FH/>
3. Bert will be signing **FR/PA3GIO/p** on **Reunion Island (AF-016)**, **June 19-22nd** (with LIMITED ACTIVITY). He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters with 100w using a doublet with open feeder line. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/FR/>
4. Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **VK9XV** on **Christmas Island (OC-002)**, from **September 6-13th**. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/ 15/12/10 meters with 100w using a doublet with open feeder line. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9XV/>
5. Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **VK9CQ Cocos-Keeling Island (OC-003)** **September 14-20th**. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/15/ 12/10m with 100w using doublet with open feeder line. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9CQ/>
6. Bert, PA3GIO, will be signing **VK6GIO** from **Australia, September 22nd through October 8th** (On route and VERY LIMITED ACTIVITY). He mentions that perhaps he may have a short visit to **Kangaroo Island (OC-139)** as **VK6GIO/5**.
7. Bert, PA3GIO, will be signing **VK9LO** on **Lord Howe Island (OC-004)** from **October 9-15th**. He will be active on SSB only on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters with 100w using a doublet with open feeder line. QSL (preferable by the Bureau) to PA3GIO. Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9LO/>

FG, GUADELOUPE. The Russian Contest Club is glad to announce that Jack/RW3QC and Igor/RN3OA will be active from here **May 21-28th**, as **FG5BG (CQ WPX CW Contest)** and **FG/KC8QKF** (before and after contest). It will be their second RCC Contest/DXpedition. RW3QC will participate in the CQ WPX CW Contest as a Single Operator/Multi Bands/HP entry. RN3OA will operate out of the contest on 160-80 meters, including the WARC bands, RTTY and PSK-31. QSL via RN3OA, by the bureau or direct to: Igor Zakharov, P.O.Box 381, Voronezh, 394000, Russia. (They would like to thank Georges/FG5BG for his help.

HAM-COM 2001. The Lone Star DX Association will be sponsoring the DX program at this event in Arlington, Texas. Some of the guest speakers will be Wayne/N7NG (ARRL), Wes/W3WL (D68C) and John/ON4UN (Topband DXing), The featured speaker will be Martti Laine, OH2BH. The LSDXA will also have a Hospitality Suite available June 8th (7-11PM) at the Wyndham Hotel. For more details, check the Web page: <http://www.dxr.org/lstdxa/> Also, check the Web page: <http://hamcom.org>

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. A group from Germany will be active for four days from the Principality of Liechtenstein starting Friday, **June 1st**, ending on Monday, **June 4th**. They will participate in **IARU Region 1 Field Day**. In addition, they will be active on 6 meters and on 10 GHz looking for ES and Rainscatter openings. The operators will be DF5UL, DL1GGT, DL5EBT and DL6SAQ and their callsigns will be **HB0/homecall**. QSL via their homecall.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Rob, PA0RDY, will be active as **HB0/PA0RDY** from **May 25-29th**, especially for the **CQ WPX Contest**. He will be running 100 watts into a vertical on 10/15/20 meters, plus a dipole on 40 meters. There will be some activity on RTTY and SSB before and after the CW contest. QSL via homecall.

HS0, THAILAND. Charly, K4VUD, is back here again for a few days as **HS0ZCW** (ed. may be waiting for his XW license -- See XW below). He has announced that he will be active on 40 meters CW (maybe some SSB). Check around 7015 to 7020 kHz between: 2300-2400z, 0900-1000z and 1100-1200z. (ADDED NOTE TO CHARLY: The group from NODXA missed you at their Dayton HamVention hospitality suite this year. Hope you can make it next year.)

IOTA CONTEST 2001. Ric, DL2VFR, informs OPDX that once again you can find this year's summary of activities for the IOTA CONTEST 2001 on the Web page: <http://www.iota-post.com> Last year he had 123 announcements - which was very useful for DXers/ Contests looking for a new one in the contest, and a good source for testers having a look to see if the island they want to go to was already occupied. The list is growing daily.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-048.** Members of Clipperton DX Club, Fabrice/F5NBQ (CDXC1050), Pierre/F5RRW (CDXC942 and UFT 978), Eric/F5LOW and Christian/ F1SDQ will activate the Island of **Houat in Morbihan, May 31st through June 4th**. They will use the callsign **TM1H** and will be operational from 160-10 meters (including WARC) on SSB and CW on the usual IOTA frequencies. They will use two IC-706MKII and TS-50 (100 watts), a vertical line antenna on 40 meters, a G5RV for the WARC bands, a sloper for the low bands and Yagi TH3MK3 for 10/15/20 meters. QSL via F6ANA (operator of A52FH) to the bureau or direct to Alain Mesnier, Les Grands Bois, Chemin De La Bussiere, 16440 Mouthiers, France.

- **EU-110.** Operators DF9MV, DL1GEO, DL9CHR and DE0MST will be active from the **lighthouse on Porer Island** (Rock, south of Pula) on **August 12-17th**. Other reference numbers are: CI-090 and WLHA 0240. QSL via bureau (DARC) to DE0MST. Direct-address is: Fredy Stippschild, P.O.Box 1406, D-83657, Germany
- **EU-128.** Kurt/DF4XX and Holger/DL5XAT will be active from **Fehmarn Island** for the **WPX Contest** weekend. They will participate as a Multi-Operator/Mixed Mode entry. The callsign will be **DF4XX/p**. All incoming QSLs will be answered through the bureau or direct.
- **EU-177.** Thomas/SM5NGK, Stefan/SM5WAF and Jorg/DF6JC, will be operating from **Harstena Island** between **May 24-27th**, signing **8S5T**. QSL via DF6JC.
- **SA-026.** Paul, PY3DX, informs OPDX that he is going to take part in the upcoming **CQ WPX CW Contest** as **PU3A** (special contest callsign), portable on **Santa Catarina Island** in southern Brazil. Some other DX friends from his area (PY3KK/Koetz, PY3FOX/Xris and PY3YY/Andy) will also be going with him, but as they are not contest enthusiasts, their goal is to activate this island on the WARC bands, mainly on SSB mode. Paul adds, "Thus, while I'm suffering under big CW pile-ups performing my contest, they plan to drink a coconut water, watch the girls hanging around and make some DX from the island, hi hi hi. I think as time goes by I'm becoming less smart than I use to be, hi hi hi." QSL cards for PU3A will be OK either through the bureau or direct via Paul's home call, which is OK on the www.QRZ.com or Buckmaster at www.buck.com.

J49, CRETE. Laci/HA0HW, Tamas/HA4DX and Bandi/HA5NG will be here between **May 25th and June 7th**. They will use the special callsigns **J49HW** (HA0HW), **J49DX** (HA4DX) and **J49NG** (HA5NG). They will take part in the **CQ WPX Contest** (just for fun). It was also mentioned that they will try to go to one of the islands of the newly created "Crete Coastal Islands Group" (**EU-187**), **June 2-3rd**. QSL via home calls.

KH2, GUAM. Operators Ban/JF2WXS, Yoshi/JE2EHP, Michy/JH2CYU, Aki/JH2QFY, Yasu/JJ2CYO and JS2ITP will be active **June 9-12th**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters SSB/CW. QSL **N3WW/KH2** via JF2WXS, **K1HP/KH2** via JE2EHP, **KH2/JH2CYU** via CBA, **KH2/JH2QFY** via CBA, **KH2/JJ2CYO** via CBA and **KH2/JS2ITP** via CBA.

KH2/AH2, GUAM. Aki, JI3ERV/NH2C, Chairman of Guam Contest Club, informs OPDX that after being absent in the CQ WPX SSB Conetst, the Guam Contest Club (GCC) has decided to be on the air during **CQ WPX CW Contest** at the end of this month. This time they plan to set a target as the Oceanic leader in a Multi-Single category and World Top 5. Also, they are trying to build an Oceanic record in Muliti-Single category. Look for operators JG3RPL/N1BJ, JI3ERV/NH2C, JR7OMD/WI3O and JR8VSE/NH2N to sign **AH2R** in the contest from Guam Island (Zone 27, IOTA **OC-26**). Their Sunrise/Sunset is 1953/0843z. QSL via JH7QXJ (Direct or JA bureau, NOT KH2 bureau).

NEW LIGHTHOUSE AWARD. The "German Lighthouse Award" is out now and has been approved as an official DARC Club Award. You can find it detailed on the Web page: <http://www.lighthouse-award.de> (Deutsches Leuchtturm Diplom) Rules are available in German, English and Danish (TNX OZ2ZB). The award consists of 57 landbased LHs in Germany at the moment.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA (Correction). Dennis, K7BV, reports that he is very

sorry for making a mistake in listing the Web site for his PY0F DXpedition. Last week's announcement read " <http://www.qth.com/py0f> ". It should have been <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/py0f/>. Please accept Dennis' apologies. Remember, he will begin his operation on **May 24th**. Look for him as an All-Band/Single Op effort in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** He will operate **through June 1st** on all bands 160-6 meters, primarily on CW. A special callsign **PV0F** will be used throughout the operation. QSL via KU9C.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Mario, DJ2MX (aka T94DX, N0MX), QSL Manager for **9A/OE1EMS** (Krk Island, IOTA EU-136, IOCA CI-046), reports that he has the logs and QSL cards. QSL will be OK via DARC bureau or direct to him. He is also QSL Manager for his last activity from Bosnia as T94DX in the 2001 ARI Contest. Please Note: If you send your QSL direct, please enclose 2 USD or 1 IRC (outside Europe) for air-mail return postage. Europe is 1 USD or 1 IRC.
- Ric, DL2VFR, reports that QSL cards for his and DL2SWW latest DXpedition to EU-037 (SM7) and EU-002 (OH0) will be sponsored by the magazine "Funkamateur". QSLs should be printed within the next 8 weeks. They plan to answer the direct requests first. Logs are available at: <http://www.iota-expedition.com>
- OPDX received a request to find out, "What is the QSL status of **FT5WH**?" Can anyone help?
- Steve Wheatley, KU9C, reported on the evening of May 13th, that about 70% of the direct QSL card requests for the February **PW0S** operation, roughly 2000 cards, are in the hands of the U.S. Postal Service.
- QSL Manager Glyn, GW0ANA, reports that the final updated logs for **ZD7K** and **ZD8K** are on the Web site: <http://www.dxpedition.co.uk> He also states that they have sorted out the photographs that they are going to use for the QSL card. These will be sent off to their Italian printer as per the sponsors list ASAP. Once he has received them back, the QSL cards will go out.
- Fabrizio, IN3ZNR (aka XW3ZNR, XU7AAY etc.), informs OPDX that all direct QSLs for his operations in the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Laos People Democratic Republic have been answered. If you did not receive yours, please contact Fabrizio via E-mail at: xu7aay@qsl.net
- Uwe/DL9NDS (**ZK1NDS**) and Klaus/DLNFk (**ZK1NFK**) have uploaded the logs for both their North and South Cook Islands on the Web. Check the following Web site to see if you are in the log: <http://www.dl9nds.de>

SPECIAL EVENT. Station **SN45KDU** will be active now **through May 31st** and again **November 1-18th** to celebrate the **45th anniversary of the Radio Club (SP5KDU) in Tarnowskie Gory, Poland**. Activity will be on CW/SSB. QSL via bureau via SP9KDU.

VU4, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. Nat, VU2NTA, announced again this week that no foreign amateur radio operators are allowed to operate from VU4. He has indicated that just the sheer number of foreigners attempting to put VU4 on the air is making the authorities say NO. There is hope, however. Nat states that, after working two years with the government and asking for suggestions for certain amendments to the AMATEUR RADIO rules in India, they have just about succeeded. So, maybe something may come through, but he requests to please not press for the VU4 since right now even citizens of India are not allowed to carry radios there. Nat says, "I hope you understand the problems we face."

XW, LAOS (Update). As this bulletin was being prepared, Charly, K4VUD, is staying in the Saylom Yen Guest House in Vientiane and he is currently trying to obtain a license. He reported that he spent a couple of hours at the Lao's equivalent of the PTT office and was told that it may be a month or more before he is assigned a real XW ham license. Charly mentioned that three separate offices must touch/look at his application papers, and he may have to appear in person for an interview for the last step. He is expected to be here until August. (NOTE FROM EDITOR: This was written before I left for Dayton, however, Charly is back in HS0-land for a few days. Please see HS0 above.)

ZONE 2. Nenad, VE3EXY, reports that he has received confirmation authorizing him access to the Indian reserve in ZONE 2. He will be active 4 days (and 5 nights) from Wednesday, **May 23rd** evening to Monday, **May 28th** morning, around the **CQWW WPX CW Contest** weekend. Nenad will be active on the following modes: CW, RTTY, and PSK31 possible, but not guaranteed outside contest. Most of the CW will be during the contest (Not much phone at all). From ZONE 2 (Loc. FO20), Nenad will sign **VE3EXY/2** (Counts as VE2 in the contest). His sunrise will be 0912z and sunset 0035z. Suggested frequencies will be (he will always work split -2 kHz CW, 5 kHz RTTY or Phone):

- **CW** - 1827, 3510, 7010, 14025, 18077, 21025, 24897 and 28025.
- **RTTY** - 14090, 21090.

There will be no 6 meters. Reports will be something like "599Z2" which will indicate Nenad is there. Outside of the contest, he will be active on the WARC, RTTY and LF. During the CQ WPX CW Contest, look for him on 80/40/10 meters. Check around the greyline times. He will be either on 80 or 160 meters. There are some chances for EU and JA on those two bands. QSL via VE3EXY (Home call). Nenad's QSL Policies: "For all my DXpedition, I do not do blanket cover of all QSOs in my log. Instead I answer QSLs when I receive them. You can send them direct with SASE (SAE +postage), via the bureau, or direct without postage. QSLs with sufficient return postage will be answered the same day (if in the log), or via the bureau otherwise. QSL cards are already printed, and there is no reason to wait. No special cards waiting for sponsors. E-mail requests are not accepted. However, eQSL requests will be confirmed electronically, subject to receiving notification and electronicQSL server address."

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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